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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Budget Subcommittee Hearings

On Wednesday, March 30, 2005, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4 held a hearing to discuss the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) program funding. Historically, JJCPA and the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) programs have been funded through the same budget item, and in equal amounts. The Governor's FY 2005-06 Budget proposes continuation of the COPS program at the same funding level of \$100 million through the traditional budget item, but eliminates JJCPA grant funding while transferring \$25 million to the Board of Corrections (BOC) budget for juvenile justice crime prevention activities.

Our Sacramento advocates, the California State Association of Counties, and other supporters of the program testified that both programs should be combined in the same budget item and at the same funding level. In response to the testimony, the Subcommittee removed the \$25 million from the BOC budget and will hold its appropriation, pending resolution of the COPS/juvenile justice issue. This action is a reference to the ongoing discussions between the Administration and counties about the feasibility of counties assuming a greater role in supervising State parolees. Assembly Member Jerome Horton appeared before the Subcommittee and testified in support of restoring full funding for the JJCPA program.

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Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 4 also met on March 30, 2005 to discuss the Judicial Budget. Issues relating to responsibility for the courts' increased costs of forensic evaluations, transfer of undesignated court fees, and the proposed uniform civil filing fees were discussed, but left open for future discussions. No date has been set for action on these items, although it will likely occur after the Governor's May Revise.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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